

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices
Parcel Return Service
Parcel Return Service Contract 2

Docket No. MC2011-6

Competitive Product Prices
Parcel Return Service Contract 2 (MC2011-6)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2011-33

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued October 23, 2013)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire October 31, 2013.¹ The Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend the expiration date of the Existing Agreement.²

The Postal Service represents that the parties have been working cooperatively on a new contract, but due to extenuating circumstances, were unable to reach an

¹ Order No. 602, Order Approving Parcel Return Service Contract 2 Negotiated Service Agreement, December 2, 2010.

² See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, October 22, 2013 (Motion).

agreement and file with the Commission 15 days prior to the intended effective date. *Id.* at 1-2. The Postal Service states that the parties have reached an agreement on a new contract and expects to file with the Commission later this week. *Id.* at 2. However, a short window between the expiration of the Existing Agreement and the effective date of the new contract will create an interruption in the customer's access to negotiated rates. *Id.* To avoid this, the Postal Service requests that the Commission grant a "brief extension" to allow the Existing Agreement to remain in effect pending Commission review of the new contract. *Id.*

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue for an additional 25 days and will expire November 25, 2013 or on the date the new contract goes into effect, whichever occurs first. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed October 22, 2013, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue for an additional 25 days and will expire November 25, 2013 or on the date the new contract goes into effect, whichever occurs first.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams
Acting Secretary